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Re: STB Ex Parte No. 582 (Sub-No. 1) Oral Argument

Dear Mr. Williams:

Pursuant to the Board's decision and order, served February 23, 2001, please be advised that the Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employees ("BMWE") requests five (5) minutes of oral argument time to speak on the issue of "cramdown." BMWE will coordinate its presentation with that of the Rail Labor Division of the Transportation Trades Department, AFL-CIO. BMWE will be represented at the oral argument by the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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